



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council Facilities Development Committee Open Session Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2014
3-07 South Academic Building (SAB)
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Elisabeth Le	Acting Chair (and Member, Academic Staff)
Megha Bajaj	Member (Delegate), Graduate Students' Association Vice-President (Academic)
Debbie Feisst	Member, Academic Staff
Cheryl Harwardt	Member, Academic Staff
Phil Haswell	Member, Support Staff
Pat Jansen	Member (Delegate), Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Loren Kline	Member, Academic Staff, Cross-Representative from GFC APC
Josh Le	Member (Delegate), Students' Union Vice-President (Academic)
Erasmus Okine	Member, Academic Staff
Joanne Profetto-McGrath	Member, Academic Staff

Non-Voting Members:

Bernie Kessels	Member (Delegate), Vice-Provost and University Registrar
Ben Louie	Member, University Architect

Presenter(s):

Emily Ball	Community Relations Officer, University Relations
Doug Dawson	Executive Director, Ancillary Services, Facilities and Operations
Jane Halford	Member, Board of Governors, and Past-President, Alumni Council
Kelly Hopkin	Senior Campus Planner (Architecture), Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations
Pat Jansen	Member (Delegate), Vice-President (Facilities and Operations)
Elisabeth Le	Acting Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee
Ben Louie	University Architect, Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations

Staff:

Garry Bodnar, Coordinator and Scribe, GFC Facilities Development Committee

OPENING SESSION

1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le, Acting Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Motion: Kline/Profetto-McGrath

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of February 27, 2014

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter: Elisabeth Le, Acting Chair, GFC Facilities Development Committee

Motion: Harwardt/Le

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve the Minutes of February 27, 2014.

CARRIED

3. Comments from the Chair

The Acting Chair commented on a number of items of interest to members, with a brief reference to possible items for consideration at the May 22, 2014 meeting of GFC FDC.

ACTION ITEMS

4. East Campus Village (ECV) Infill Housing Residences at 90 Avenue – Design Development Report

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Doug Dawson, Executive Director, Ancillary Services, Facilities and Operations; Kelly Hopkin, Senior Campus Planner (Architecture), Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations; Emily Ball, Community Relations Officer, University Relations

Purpose of the Proposal: This project will increase the amount of purpose-built student housing on campus in alignment with the University's goal of accommodating 25% of the University's full-time enrolment in residence housing. Students who reside in purpose-built on-campus housing with supportive programming tend to have a more fulfilling and enriching academic experience at the university. Expanding on-campus housing assists the University in meeting institutional goals and objectives by providing a learning environment conducive to personal and academic success. Smart growth campus development enhances community building, student life, and campus experience, all while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The development will be a financially-viable project enhancing the residence portfolio through resource stewardship and reducing deferred maintenance.

A total of four (4) houses (11009, 11013, 11029, and 11031) on the south side of 90 Avenue between 110 Street and 111 Street will be removed to make room for the new infill development. This development consists of two new on-campus cohort residences for 71 new graduate, international, and upper years' student bed spaces. The façades on the new buildings will replicate the form of select existing houses in the ECV district consistent with the Preservation Plan, Design Guidelines for Infill development, and the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

Discussion:

Mr Dawson introduced the item to members by reiterating the point that student housing is both an important strategic goal and initiative for the University of Alberta. He provided further detail on this project,

noting that it is in alignment with the University's goals of accommodating 25% of the institution's full-time student enrolment in residence housing and working to ensure students living in residence have enriching experiences while doing so. To date, he stated, the University has made considerable headway in supporting student success through its purpose-built housing.

Mr Hopkin, by means of a PowerPoint presentation, spoke to this project which is intended to construct a planned community for students. He emphasized a number of the positive elements of this and similar housing projects, including: smart-growth development and innovative design; the preservation of open spaces; working cooperatively within the existing community; positive engagement with external and internal stakeholders; and the preservation of existing streetscapes.

Further, Mr Hopkin noted his Office's responses to issues that had been raised by GFC FDC at its last meeting with regard to the Infill Housing Residences' Schematic Design Report, including: the ratio of washrooms to bed count; sinks in individual bedroom units; a potential bottleneck at the main-level corridor by the accessible laundry room; usage, direction of load, and control of entrances to these new residences; the potential for upper-floor 'snack nooks'; main-level commons space for social interaction; the kitchen's configuration and operation; the addition of dishwashers in the kitchen; landscape design to define the open spaces surrounding the residences; and the exterior deck's use and functionality as a common-use area. Mr Hopkin concluded his remarks by providing further detail on the Design Development, itself, speaking to such issues as design elements and materials to be deployed; the residences' relationship to existing structures in proximity; energy systems; sustainable design elements; and engagement with contractors selected for this project.

At this point, Ms Ball provided members with a summary of the community engagement and feedback provided on this project. She noted that there was a long history between the University and the Garneau community that lent itself well to the level and nature of consultation; she addressed, as well, the nature of the commentary provided by community members on this project, much of which had been very positive in nature. On a go-forward basis, Ms Ball noted that the University would continue to work with the Garneau community, particularly with respect to changes in traffic flow and vehicular accessibility given the impending closure of 89 Avenue which, in turn, will be turned into a pedestrian walkway.

Mr Hopkin then quickly ran through those slides that provided further visual detail on the varying levels of the residences (ie, the lower, main, and upper levels of Residences B1 and B2) and on the exterior elevations of the facilities and how these structures would fit into the existing streetscape and landscaping.

During the discussion surrounding this proposal, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: clarification on what "luxury vinyl tile" was; how custodial services would fit into these residences; the nature of wheelchair accessibility in relation to the eating facilities and snack nooks; and the accessibility of electrical outlets throughout the residences.

The Acting Chair thanked the presenters for their responsiveness to the comments and concerns raised by members at the last GFC FDC meeting, at which the Committee had considered the Schematic Design Report associated with these residences. She also expressed appreciation for the nature and depth of the consultations that had occurred with the affected external community.

Motion: Kline/Profetto-McGrath

THAT the GFC Facilities Development Committee approve, under delegated authority from General Faculty Council and on the recommendation of Planning and Project Delivery, the proposed East Campus Village (ECV) Infill Housing Residences at 90 Avenue – Design Development Report (as set forth

in Attachment 2) as the basis of further engineering and development of contract documents.

CARRIED

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. The Alumni Association's Legacy Project - Presidents' Circle

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Presenter(s): Jane Halford, Member, Board of Governors, and Past-President, Alumni Council; Ben Louie, University Architect, Office of the University Architect, Facilities and Operations

Purpose of the Proposal: The "Presidents' Circle" on the North Campus Quadrangle (Quad) creates a significant focal point for informal gatherings and, more importantly, visually celebrates the founders, the first President of the University and the first Premier of the Province of Alberta. The development of this node is a continuation of the Alumni Walk. The Administration initiated a program to enhance the awareness of the campus history through the installation of building plaques which acknowledge building opening dates and the names of the sitting Chancellor and President. Plaques are installed on new buildings completed in the recent past. The older buildings are being addressed through a phased program to spread the cost across several years and also to take advantage of Faculty or building centennial celebrations. The style of these older building plaques will reflect the style of the period.

The installation of a statue of the visionaries, Henry Marshall Tory and Alexander C Rutherford, complemented by an elliptical seating structure and the installation of recognition plaques for previous University Presidents and distinguished alumni, provide a visual legacy of the University's history.

Discussion:

Ms Halford began the presentation by noting this legacy project is intended as a commemoration of the University of Alberta's Alumni Association's centenary, to be held in 2015. She stated that the project, as set out in the material before members, was the culmination of at least two years of work on the part of the Association working closely with Facilities and Operations. She thanked Mr Louie for his unwavering support of this initiative during that period. Ms Halford continued by commenting that the Presidents' Circle was an exciting, practical, and excellent fundraising opportunity that would serve to showcase how alumni can contribute to projects of this nature, today and into the future.

Mr Louie, through the use of a PowerPoint presentation, highlighted key elements of the project including: the principles underlying the initiative in terms of 'place making', with reference to historic elements and winterscape and nightscape; design considerations taken into account for this project; the overall concept plan; studies to determine what would be minimal impact on existing trees in the affected area; photographs of the preliminary maquette; an overview of the Presidents' Circle, particularly in relation to facilities in close proximity (ie, the Administration Building and the South Academic Building (SAB)); visual representations of how the completed Circle would appear and varying options/studies for the Circle; representations of the pillars to be deployed in the Circle; and node views. He noted the Presidents' Circle was an interpretative piece that served to tell the University's story and would be a key focal point for students and their families during milestones of their time at the institution (eg, Convocation).

During the discussion surrounding this project, members expressed a number of comments and questions, including, but not limited to: commentary that this structure would be a wonderful place for graduands and their families to take photographs during Convocation; commentary that the Students' Council was supportive of this initiative; clarification on the nature of pedestrian flow through and around the Circle, particularly during the Fall and Winter Terms; clarification on the nature of the plinth for the statue and

whether or not it would be comfortably accessible for phototaking; how the east side of Alumni Walk compares to its west side, particularly at the north and south ends of the Quad; clarification on timelines associated with this project; the nature of the material to be used for the statue; clarification on the symmetry of this project and a query as to why the statue was not being situated in the existing Celebration Plaza, given that the Administration Building will eventually be demolished; and clarification on what was driving this project and whether or not it was solely contingent upon the upcoming centenary of the Alumni Association. On the final point, Mr Louie indicated the University would avail itself of all opportunities, as they present themselves, to support initiatives of this nature and significance.

6. Projects Update from Facilities and Operations

There were no documents.

Presenter: Pat Jansen, Vice-President (Facilities and Operations) (Delegate)

Purpose of the Proposal: For information/discussion.

Discussion:

On behalf of the Vice-President (Facilities and Operations), Mr Jansen provided members with brief updates regarding current projects underway, including reference to the following:

- Physical Activity and Wellness (PAW) Centre – work continues to progress very well
- St Joseph's Women's Residence – this is a very complex project
- Innovation Centre for Engineering (ICE) – there are core and shell challenges with the subtrades, but the building should be completely closed in within the next two months; the building's fit-out will be done by means of a phased process, beginning immediately
- Camrose Performing Arts Centre (CPAC) – this facility is close to being a dust-free environment; the sound and lighting systems are being installed, with a projected grand opening of CPAC set for October, 2014
- Expansion of the Students' Union Building (SUB) – work will continue on this project throughout 2014
- Li Ka Shing Building – the final implementation of the GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) facility is underway and should be fully operational by July, 2014
- Medical Sciences Building – Pharmacy, Phase II, is underway, with the conversion of existing spaces on two floors to be completed by September, 2014

Mr Jansen noted the following projects (or elements thereof) would be forthcoming to GFC FDC in the near to medium future:

- Repurposing of the Telus Centre
- Campus Open Spaces
- Aboriginal Gathering Place
- Saskatchewan Drive Residence
- Devonian Botanic Garden

7. Question Period

A member asked for clarification on when GFC FDC members would be visiting Augustana Campus.

Mr Le thanked members for the interesting experiences he had had on GFC FDC during his term as delegate of the Students' Union's (SU's) Vice-President (Academic). Referring to all of the exciting projects

currently underway or soon to be launched, he stated he would look forward to return to the University of Alberta as an alumnus.

INFORMATION REPORTS

8. Items Approved by the GFC Facilities Development Committee by E-Mail Ballots

There were no items.

9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

CLOSING SESSION

10. Adjournment

The Acting Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.